

IN THE CLAIMS

1-3. (cancelled).

4. (currently amended) A containment unit for a bicycle having a frame, a bottle-cage supporting unit affixed to the frame at an anchoring point wherein said bottle-cage supporting unit includes a supporting plate which can be fixed to a tube of the bicycle frame, at least one electronic device on board the bicycle, at least one of an electronic control system and a power supply system for said electronic device, said containment unit comprising;

E a conformation suitable for being fixed to the frame at the same anchoring point as that for the bottle-cage supporting unit, said at least one electronic control system and said power supply system being arranged and supported within said containment unit; and

auxiliary supporting means associated with said bottle-cage supporting unit that are set between said supporting plate and the bicycle frame, and a container for the at least one electronic control system and the power supply system that is rigidly connected to said auxiliary supporting means in a rigidly cantilevered fashion beneath said bottle-cage supporting unit.

6.-44. (cancelled)

45. (currently amended) A containment unit for a bicycle having a frame, a bottle-cage supporting unit fixed to the frame at an anchoring point, at least one electronic device on board the bicycle, and at least one of an electronic control system and power-supply system for the electronic device, the containment unit comprising a conformation suitable for being fixed in the anchoring point; wherein said bottle-cage supporting unit includes a supporting plate which can be fixed to a tube of the bicycle frame, and wherein the containment unit further comprises auxiliary supporting means associated to the bottle-cage supporting unit set between the supporting plate and the bicycle frame, and a container for the at least one of the electronic control system and power-supply system which is rigidly connected to a bottom end of said auxiliary supporting means and projects in a rigidly cantilevered fashion therefrom beneath a space designed to receive a bottle, wherein the containment unit is adaptable to attachment to the bicycle frame independent of the attachment of the bottle-cage supporting unit to the bicycle frame.

46. (previously presented) The containment unit according to claim 45, wherein said auxiliary supporting means are provided laterally with elastic clamps for anchoring an elongated sheath constituting the container for a battery for the power supply system.

47. (currently amended) A containment unit for a bicycle having a frame, a bottle-cage supporting unit affixed to the frame at an anchoring point wherein said bottle-cage supporting unit includes a supporting plate which can be fixed to a tube of the bicycle frame, at least one electronic device on board the bicycle, an electronic control system for said electronic device, said containment unit comprising;

a conformation suitable for being fixed to the frame at the same anchoring point as that for the bottle-cage supporting unit, said electronic control system being arranged and supported within said containment unit; and

auxiliary supporting means associated with said bottle-cage supporting unit that are set between said supporting plate and the bicycle frame, and a container for the electronic control system which is rigidly connected to a bottom end of said auxiliary supporting means and projects in a rigidly cantilevered fashion therefrom

beneath a space designed to receive a bottle;

wherein the containment unit is adaptable to attachment to the bicycle frame independent of the attachment of the bottle-cage supporting unit to the bicycle frame.

48. (previously presented) The containment unit according to claim 47, wherein said auxiliary supporting means are provided laterally with elastic clamps for anchoring an elongated sheath constituting the container for a battery for supplying power to the at least one electronic device.

49. (currently amended) A bicycle frame comprising:
a bottle-cage supporting unit, having at least a bottom end, fixed to the frame at an anchoring point and including a supporting plate which can be fixed to the frame at the anchoring point, and associated auxiliary supporting means, having top and bottom ends, set between said supporting plate and the frame;

at least one electronic device on the frame;

an electronic, battery powered control operatively associated with said electronic device, housed in a containment unit rigidly connected to the bottom end of said auxiliary supporting means and projecting in a rigidly cantilevered fashion

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beneath the bottom end of the bottle-cage supporting unit;

wherein the containment unit is adaptable to attachment to the frame independent of the attachment of the bottle-cage supporting unit to the frame.

50. (previously presented) The invention of claim 49, wherein said auxiliary supporting means are provided laterally with elastic clamps for anchoring an elongated sheath constituting a container for an electric power-supply battery.
